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Mr. Frank A. Virtue,  
Supt. Tule River School.

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My dear Mr. Virtue:

There is inclosed herewith copy of a report dated December 13, 1915, from Special Indian Agent, John J. Terrell, with further reference to the Indians residing on the Tejon Ranch. Your attention is especially invited to the last page of said report with reference to the alleged criminal acts of Mr. Lopez. You are requested to consider the matter carefully and inform the Office whether sufficient reliable evidence could be obtained to maintain successfully a criminal prosecution against this man in the state courts. The Office desires that you do all you can to protect the morality of these Indian girls and women, but it would not be advisable to start proceedings that could not be sustained, with the very probable result of bringing persecution or eviction upon the Indians. Please submit a report upon this subject after you have had time to look into the matter.

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You are also requested to look into the question and report as to whether or not the managers of the ranch

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can be induced to give the Indians more liberal privileges  
in the matter of keeping sheep, cows, etc., and probably  
larger tracts of land to cultivate.

Very truly yours,

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(Signed E. B. Meritt)  
Assistant Commissioner.

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